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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Prime Minister`s visit to Vietnam and Indonesia was part of India`sLook East policy as reported in the Hindustan dated January 8, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the persons who accompanied him along with the details of the agreements signed on the occasion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Look East policy adopted in early 1990s, GOI has been working towards intensification of our interaction with all the countries in South-East Asia in various fields of cooperative endeavour.

(c) The Official delegation with PM in Vietnam and Indonesia was as follows:-

Vietnam:

(1) Shri Ajit Kumar Panja, Minister of State for External Affairs.

(2) Shri Omar Abdullah, Minister of State for Commerce & Industry.

(3) Shri Brajesh Mishra, National Security Adviser and Principal Secretary to PM.

(4) Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, Secretary, Department of Tourism.

(5) Shri S.T. Devare, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs.

(6) Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy.

(7) Shri T.K. Mitra, Director, Special Protection Group.

(8) Shrimati Navrekha Sharma, Joint Secretary (Southern Division),

Ministry of External Affairs.

(9) Shri Saurabh Kumar, Ambassador of India to Vietnam.

(10) Shri R.S. Jassal, Joint Secretary (External Publicity),

Ministry of External Affairs.

(11) Shri P.S. Raghavan, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister`s Office.

(12) Dr. Anoop Mishra, Personal Physician to PM

(13) Shri Ajay Bisaria, PS to PM

Indonesia:

(1) Shri Ajit Kumar Panja, MOS for External Affairs

(2) Shri Omar Abdullah, MOS for Commerce and Industry

(3) Shri Brajesh Mishra, National Security Adviser and Principal Secretary to PM.

(4) Shri Bhaskar Barua, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

(5) Dr. R.V.V. Ayyar, Secretary, Department of Culture.

(6) Shri S.T. Devare, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.

(7) Shri Yogendra Narain, Defence Secretary.

(8) Shri M. Venkatraman, Ambassador of India to Indonesia.

(9) Shri T.K. Mitra, Director, Special Protection Group.

(10) Smt. Navrekha Sharma, Joint Secretary(South), Ministry of External Affairs.

(11) Shri R.S. Jassal, Joint Secretary(XP), Ministry of External Affairs.

(12) Shri P.S. Raghavan, Joint Secretary, PM`s Office.

(13) Dr. Anoop Mishra, Personal Physician to PM.

(14) Shri Ajay Bisaria, PS to PM.

The following Agreements were signed during PM`s visits:-

In Vietnam:

(1) Agreement on Cooperation in Tourism,

(2) MOU on Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy,

(3) Protocol on extension of CEP for three years, i.e., for 2001, 2002 and 2003.

In addition, three business agreements were signed during PM`s visit.

In Indonesia:

(1) Agreement on Cooperative Activities in the field of Defence

(2) MOU on establishment of the Joint Commission on economic,trade and technical cooperation

(3) MOU in the Fields of Science & Technology for the period 2001-2003.

(4) Work Plan under MOU for Cooperation in the field of Agriculture,

(5) Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003.

In addition, five business agreements were signed during PM`s visit.